



DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Bridge to Hope Project

Central Oregon

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I. Preface

Each year over 850 women are booked into the Deschutes County Jail. Currently, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation has 275 female offenders under parole and/or probation supervision. A recent study by the National Development and Research Institute indicates that after one year, only 30% of women who complete residential drug treatment programs during incarceration actually remain drug free, and approximately half of the women remain crime free. The Institute found that there is a very high correlation between drug abuse and criminal activity.

Deschutes County offers very little in the way of drug recovery or transition planning that exclusively targets the gender-specific needs of female offenders. When treating female offenders and attempting to reintegrate them into the community, we must take into consideration the importance of healthy relationships and emotional support when trying to break destructive life patterns. This support must begin during incarceration and continue once the woman is on the outside.

Unfortunately, a large percentage of the females that enter the system have little or no family support, come from abusive backgrounds, and deal with serious substance abuse issues. In some cases, inmates are ordered by the court not to return to family or friends because of their involvement with drugs, alcohol, abuse, and criminal activity. However, since no aggressive support system is in place, many of these same women feel they have no other alternative than to reenter their former life of crime and substance abuse by returning to the unhealthy lifestyles and living situations with which they are familiar.

The following statements occur far too often when these women recount their release experiences:

- “I was overwhelmed with all of the conditions and requirements.”
- “I had no support in the community. I had no one to talk to that I could trust.”
- “My old friends showed up and I was right back where I was before I got busted.”
- “I couldn’t find a job and had no money for housing so I moved back in with my boyfriend who was still using.”

In addition to a lack of support structure, many women leave the correctional facility without even their basic needs met. Due to limited State and County resources, and often insufficiently existing family resources, many women are released without essential toiletries, clothes, food, shelter, and transportation. Although many of the women are employed at the time of their release, generally they haven't had the opportunity to create an adequate funding base for themselves to secure these essential items until they are well into the routine of receiving a regular paycheck.

Because their scant personal funds must be used to meet their immediate needs, it is nearly impossible for them to reach the point where they can dedicate their minimum-wage incomes to obtain safe housing or to find ways to meet their transportation needs. Even the women most determined to building new lives and better opportunities experience tremendous difficulty in dealing with the many challenges and adjustments that face them. In addition, many newly released women struggle with obtaining much-needed health and mental health services, and may struggle with paying for childcare and/or restitution.

II. Project Description

Bridge to Hope Ministries is a non-denominational program designed to meet the needs of women "lost" in our correctional system. The Bridge to Hope program develops support systems for women and girls while they are incarcerated, with the aim of transitioning them into productive lives following their release into their communities. Volunteer mentors are the catalysts for forming a support network that is tailored to the specific needs of each individual inmate. While in prison, a female inmate who agrees to enroll in the Bridge to Hope program is linked to one or more volunteer mentors. Mentors help female offenders link to services, resources and opportunities that will help them make healthy and productive transitions back into their communities.

In order for the Bridge to Hope program of mentors to be successful, there must be a strong system of support services and resources available to women leaving incarceration. While there are many such services available in Deschutes County, there are also significant gaps. Recently, leaders connected to the Bridge to Hope program decided that the time was right to convene all stakeholders working with female inmates and ex-inmates in Central Oregon in order to discuss a collaborative effort to enhance and expand aftercare for these vulnerable women. In October of 2002, Governor Kitzhaber designated this collaborative effort an Oregon Solutions project.

The mission of Oregon Solutions is to develop solutions to community based problems that support economic, environmental, and community objectives simultaneously through partnerships between government, business, and non-profit organizations. Oregon Solutions utilizes a collaborative approach to develop integrated, community-based solutions, bringing all stakeholders to the table. In other communities, this approach has helped to leverage investments, expedite the project, break through barriers, identify valuable partners, and elevate the visibility of the project. The final step of the Oregon

Solutions process is for all partners to sign a Declaration of Cooperation or agreement that commits their time and/or resources to the project. The agreement then becomes the mechanism of governance for the project as it moves through implementation.

This Declaration of Cooperation describes the agreements and commitments that participants made during the Bridge to Hope – Oregon Solutions process. This Declaration will guide those participants as well as Bridge to Hope staff and mentors as they continue to enhance and expand a network of resources and services for female ex-offenders. Ultimately the agreements and commitments captured here will help those women make healthy transitions into productive community members and participants in the positive development of Central Oregon.

III. Agreements

The participants in this project agree on the desperate need to establish a unified system of support for women leaving incarceration and reintegrating into Central Oregon communities as healthy, productive citizens.

A. GROUND RULES FOR OREGON SOLUTIONS – BRIDGE TO HOPE PROCESS

We agree on the following ground rules for how we will work together to create such a system of support.

- We recognize that the best outcome depends upon cooperation and collaboration by entities at the table.
- We recognize that we each have a unique perspective and contribution to make: expertise, labor, money, in-kind services, etc.
- We are willing to creatively explore solutions and commit to take action in the end toward the agreed upon solution.

B. UNMET NEEDS AND COMMITTED RESOURCES: A RESOURCE GUIDE

We agree that there are significant gaps in services and supports for women leaving incarceration in Central Oregon. These gaps constitute unmet needs. We have worked together to identify resources to fill those needs and to secure commitments of those resources.

The following is preliminary Resource Guide for Bridge to Hope mentors and clients. The resource guide is organized by needs. It describes the resources we have committed to provide and the individuals who have agreed to be contact people for those resources.

| UNMET NEEDS | COMMITTED RESOURCES | RESOURCE CONTACT |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Safe, clean, and sober housing | Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation will provide \$125 towards housing. | Becky Jackson, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation |
| | The Salvation Army will provide an initial three-day shelter stay and then up to a one-year stay upon application. (Available after 10/1/03) | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| | COBRA will offer emergency shelter for women leaving abusive situations | Toni Anderson, Cobra |
| | CORHA offers housing and self-sufficiency program, potential for transitional housing | Angelina Muetzel, COHRA, 541-923-1018 |
| | COCAAN provides fuel assistance, self sufficiency, food, weatherization, childcare resources, Head Start programs, homeownership programs, Healy Heights transitional housing, rent assistance, utilities, and motel through Bend Aid | COCAAN (main office) 548-2380, Healy Heights 317-1141, Bend-Aid 617-7291 |
| Clothes and Shoes | County Jail will provide donated clothing to women upon release. | Ruth Jenkin, Deschutes County Jail |
| | Free clothing vouchers are available through Salvation Army Administrative Office, Monday through Thursday (once per year per person) | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| | Services available through Interfaith Volunteers. Contact Director, Interfaith Volunteers 541-385-9460, P.O. Box 7856, Bend, Or 97708 | |
| | Work clothes available in Terrebone through Community Action Team. Contact Laurie Thom. | |

| UNMET NEEDS | COMMITTED RESOURCES | RESOURCE CONTACT |
|---|---|--|
| Food | The Salvation Army provides food boxes (non-perishables, once per month per person) through the Administrative Office, Monday through Thursday | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army, |
| | COCAAN Feed the Need provides food boxes. (perishables) (brown bag programs) | Sweet Pea Cole, COCAAN, 541-312-5274 x108 |
| | Bridge to Hope mentors will provide assistance applying for food stamps. | Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |
| | Meals are available at Trinity Episcopal Church Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm and Saturday at 12:00pm. | Richard Etzel, Trinity Episcopal Church |
| | COCAAN offers “Soup and Song” ever 3rd Friday 11:30-1:00 at Spiritual Awareness Center. | Sweet Pea Cole, COCAAN, 541-312-5274 x108 |
| Medical care, mental health services, and medication | Pfeifer and Associates will see any woman with an alcohol or drug related problem. | Sally Pfeifer, Pfeifer and Assoc. |
| | Deschutes County Health Department Family Planning Clinic will provide physical examinations and birth control. | Jeanie Young, Deschutes County Health Department |
| | Planned Parenthood offers exams and birth control. | |
| | Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation will provide birth control. | Becky Jackson, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation |
| Transportation | County Mental Health will pay for dial-a-ride vouchers. | Gary Smith, County Mental Health |
| | CCCF will prepay bus ticket from Coffee Creek to destination city bus station. | Greg Reed / Ken Hiller, CCCF |
| | Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation will provide bus tickets for women on parole or probation to get treatment out of the immediate area. | Becky Jackson, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation |

| UNMET NEEDS | COMMITTED RESOURCES | RESOURCE CONTACT |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | Bridge to Hope gives out 1-2 cars per month depending on availability of donated vehicles. | Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |
| Child care and custody | DHS, Community Safety Net provides array of services (voluntary, not case-based), broker of services, especially pertinent to mothers | Elfe Cimicata, 541-388-6161 x421 |
| | Mountain Star Relief Nursery will offer resources to mothers that fit their program criteria. | Hillary Hurst, Mountain Star Relief Nursery, 541-322-6820 |
| | Oregon Legal Services office offers some assistance and monthly "how to" classes for pro se litigants, in dissolution and filiation/custody cases. | Bob Turner is the head of the Oregon Legal Services Office in Deschutes County |
| | Mary Lou Caverhill is the pro se dissolution services coordinator at the Deschutes County Courthouse and can provide assistance and mentoring with forms (not legal advice) to non-represented petitioners in dissolution and filiation/custody cases. | Mary Lou Caverhill, Deschutes County Courthouse |
| | Forms are available online at http://www.ojd.state.or.us/ | |
| | OJD, Division of Child Support can provide list of other resources, including help filing forms and application and understanding the process | Kevin Furber, Division of Child Support |
| | CCCF makes available family-related programs, counseling, and parenting training to women in the facility. | Greg Reed, Christine Popoff, CCCF |
| | State Commission on Children with Disabilities will subsidize difference on child care for higher-needs children in daycare setting, up to \$8 per hour, or pays for equipment or training. | COCAAN/Childcare Resource and Referral program 548-2380 |

| UNMET NEEDS | COMMITTED RESOURCES | RESOURCE CONTACT |
|---|---|---|
| Workforce training and education | COIC will offer job readiness classes, computer classes, skills assessment, and employment counseling at no cost to participants. | Ann Delach, COIC |
| | Robin Popp at Goodwill Vocational Services can provide job search resources. | Robin Popp, Goodwill Vocational Services 61329 S Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97702 541-322-7222 rpopp@gicw.org |
| | COCC can help a woman determine short and long term career goals; assist in accessing training or education, including GED. | Margie Gregory, COCC |
| Miscellaneous | Multiple services, including food and volunteer mentors available through “Sun River Gals” | Contact Carol Luebke for further details and contact numbers. 541-593-3001 |
| | SWAP is Central, Oregon’s on-line materials exchange. Free furniture available through “recycling” Web site | Oregonswap.org |
| | Bridge to Hope will make Care Packages available to women involved in the Bridge to Hope program. Care Packages include clothing, toiletries, hair cut vouchers, and other necessities. | Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |
| | The Family Resource Guide provides contacts for a broad range of services and opportunities. | The Family Resource Center, 1010 NW 14th Street, Bend, Oregon 97701 541-389-5468, available online: www.frconline.org |
| | Hair cut vouchers are available through Salvation Army Administrative Office, Monday through Thursday. | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |

The participants in this project recognize that there are many other potential resources for fulfilling the unmet needs of women leaving incarceration. Together we identified numerous potential resources and opportunities that could eventually be added to this preliminary Resource Guide. A sampling of these is appended to this Declaration at Appendix B.

C. DEVELOPING THE RESOURCE GUIDE

We recognize the need to further develop and expand this preliminary Resource Guide. We will have to update it, add additional resources, print it, and distribute it to appropriate agencies in addition to Bridge to Hope mentors. These are the commitments we have made toward developing the Resource Guide.

| | COMMITMENTS | CONTACT PEOPLE |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Resource Guide | Further develop the Resource Guide for women, mentors, and corrections staff. Flesh out the potential resources described in Appendix B. | Greg Reed, CCCF Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| | Make arrangements to layout and print or photocopy the Resource Guide. | |
| | Distribute Resource Guide to County Corrections staff members who regularly work with female inmates. | Ruth Jenkin, Deschutes County Sheriff Office |
| | Distribute Resource Guide to State Corrections staff members who regularly work with female inmates. | Greg Reed, CCCF |

D. RELEASE ISSUES

The participants in this project have agreed to take the following steps in order to smooth the process by which women are released from custody and connect with the Bridge to Hope program.

| | COMMITMENT | CONTACT PERSON |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Release issues | CCCF will provide advance notice to Bridge to Hope when women are being released to Tri-County area. | Ken Hiller, Coffee Creek, 503-570-6539 |
| | Bridge to Hope and CCCF will work together to designate one person in each county who can be the contact person for the state when a woman is being released. | Ken Hiller, Coffee Creek, Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |

| | COMMITMENT | CONTACT PERSON |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Release issues (cont.) | CCCF will provide volunteers that can walk a woman through the Resource Guide prior to release. (Bridge to Hope and other partners will develop the Resource Guide—see below). | Greg Reed, Coffee Creek, Margie Vaill, Volunteer Coordinator, Coffee Creek, 503-570-6803 |
| | CCCF will provide a volunteer to do a Needs Assessment before release. | Greg Reed, Coffee Creek |
| | CCCF will encourage and assist women to fill out applications for HUD housing in prison. | Ken Hiller, / Release counselor, CCCF, 503-570-6539 |
| | CCCF will provide pre-release counseling on child custody issues and inform women of the Bridge to Hope program. | Greg Reed, CCCF, Christine Popoff, Program Manager, CCCF, 503-570-6802 |
| | Child support services will provide a first point of contact for women that have child support orders. | Kevin Furber, Child Support Services |
| | Deschutes County Jail will notify Bridge to Hope when women will be released. | Ruth Jenkin |
| | Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation will provide a list of who will be released, when, and where they plan to live to Bridge to Hope. They will also pass on a Bridge to Hope contact name to the women being released. | Becky Jackson, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation |

E. MENTORS

The Bridge to Hope program operates with the support of volunteer mentors. The participants in this project identified the following potential resources to enhance recruitment, training, and support for mentors.

| | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Mentors | Apply to United Way to be one of their giving programs. | |
| | DHS has a volunteer program that might be able to lend some support. Contact Lyn Gardener, volunteer coordinator 503-388-6003. | Ron Parsons |
| | Family Empowerment, a new 501(c)(3) may be able to provide volunteer mentors. Contact Wanda Jesgarzewski who runs the program in Prineville, and is Regional Manager of program for Central Oregon 541-447-8957. | |
| | CCCF volunteer program may be able to provide support or mentors. Contact Margie Vaill, CCCF volunteer coordinator, 503-570-6803. | |
| | COCC / Adult Education has a volunteer tutor program that may be used to provide support or training to mentors. Options include: accessing current volunteer training; piggybacking on COCC volunteer outreach, training, and support; accessing COCC Latino mentor program for Latina inmates. | Margie Gregory |
| | RSVP, a retired volunteers group, may be able to provide some volunteer mentors. Contact Marie Phyllis. | Hillary Hurst |

| | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Mentors (cont.) | Many churches and neighborhood associations may be able to provide volunteer networks from which to draw mentors. | |
| | NOVA may be a resource. | |
| | AmeriCorps may be a source of funding to recruit and train mentors, or to hire a volunteer coordinator. | |
| | Attract volunteer grant writers for Bridge to Hope | Dana Greig |

| | COMMITMENTS | CONTACT PEOPLE |
|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Mentors | Bridge to Hope will take the lead in following up on the above ideas to recruit, to train, and to coordinate volunteer mentors. | Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |

F. BRIDGE TO HOPE POINT PEOPLE

The participants in the project agree that Bridge to Hope mentors will be more effective connecting women to services if they can directly contact a designated Point Person within each service providing organization. The following individuals have agreed to be Bridge to Hope Point People for their organizations. As such, they will serve as a first point of contact for Bridge to Hope mentors and attempt to respond quickly and personally to their requests for help.

| ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY | POINT PERSON |
|---|--|
| Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation | Becky Jackson, 541-385-3246 beckyj@co.deschutes.or.us |
| COBRA | Toni Anderson, 541-382-9227, toni@cobra-dvsa.org |
| Oregon Department of Human Services | Ron Parsons, , 541-388-6414-x38, ron.parsons@state.or.us |
| The Salvation Army | (Angela Curtis's replacement) |
| Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) | Debi DeClusin, ddeclusin@coic.org |
| ODJ Division of Child Support | Kevin Furber, 541-388-6141, kevin.furber@state.or.us |
| City of Bend, Dial-a-Ride | Wanda Gray, 541-317-3023 |
| Adult Basic Education at COCC | Margie Gregory, 541-504-2952 |



| ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY | POINT PERSON |
|---|---|
| Deschutes Co Sheriff Office | |
| Pfeifer & Associates | |
| Goodwill Industries | Robin Popp, 541-617-8946, rpopp@gicw.org |
| Deschutes County Mental Health | Gary Smith, 541-322-7502, garys@co.deschutes.or.us |
| OR Housing and Community Services | Darcy Strahan, 541-388-6146, ext 248, darcy.strahan@hcs.state.or.us |
| Coffee Creek Correctional Facility | Greg Reed, 503-570-6500, Greg.Reed@doc.state.or.us |
| Mountain Star Family Relief Nursery | Hillary Hurst, 541-322-6820 |
| Deschutes County Health Department | Jeannie Young, 541-322-7400, jeannie_young@co.deschutes.or.us |
| Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority | |
| Central Oregon Community Action COCAAN | Aleta Johnson, bendaid@cocaan.org |

G. MENTOR TRAININGS

The participants in this project agree to participate as needed in yearly trainings of mentors. Point People can use the trainings to introduce themselves to mentors and present the services provided (and not provided) by their agencies and organizations.

H. REGULAR MEETINGS

The participants in this project agree to have regular (perhaps quarterly) meetings with each other and with Bridge to Hope staff, mentors, and participants to facilitate communication and coordination of services.

Toni Anderson, Executive Director of COBRA has agreed to help coordinate the first meeting.

IV. Participants and Signers to this Declaration of Cooperation
(Example only in this Draft version)

Toni Anderson, COBRA

Merrisue Carlson, Community Solutions Team

Cyndy Cook, Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority

Diane Dean, Central Oregon Community College

Ann Delach, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Kevin Furber, Oregon Department of Justice, Division of Child Support

Wanda Gray, City of Bend, Dial-A-Ride

Hillary Hurst, Mountain Star Relief Nursery

Becky Jackson, Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation

Ruth Jenkin, Deschutes County Sheriff Office

Aleta Johnson, Central Oregon Community Action Agency Network

Andy Jordan, Bend Police Department

Ron Parsons, Department of Human Services

Sally Pfeifer, Pfeifer and Associates

Robin Popp, Goodwill Industries, Vocational Counseling

Greg Reed, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility

Gary Smith, Deschutes County Mental Health

Darcy Strahan, Oregon Housing and Community Services

Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope

Jeannie Young, Deschutes County Health Department

?, The Salvation Army

APPENDIX A: PARTICIPANT CONTACT LIST

| First Name | Last Name | Organization | Phone | Email |
|------------|-----------|---|-------------------|--|
| Toni | Anderson | COBRA | 541-382-9227 | toni@cobra-dvsa.org |
| Jez | Anderson | Portland Community Housing | 503-657-6958 | jeza@portlandhousingcenter.org |
| Jan | Bagger | Department of Motor Vehicles | 541-548-0226 | janice.m.bagger@odot.state.or.us |
| Sue | Brewster | Deschutes Co Sheriff Office | 541-385-1714 | sueb@deshutes.org |
| Patrick | Carey | Dept Human Services | 541-388-6414 x28 | patrick.carey@state.or.us |
| Merrisue | Carlson | Community Solutions Team | | |
| Tim | Cayton | DOC, Religious Services | 503-945-9087 | t.cayton@doc.state.or.us |
| Traci | Pankey | ODJ, Div of Child Support | 541-388-6141 | traci.pankey@doj.state.or.us |
| Michelle | Cole | Rimrock Trails -ATS | 541-447-2631 | michellec@rimrocktrails.com |
| Cyndy | Cook | Central OR Reg. Housing Authority | 541-923-1018 x107 | ccook@corha.org |
| Angela | Curtis | The Salvation Army | 5641-389-8888 | angela_curtis@usw.salvationarmy.org |
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| Ann | Delach | Central OR Intergovernmental Council | 541-389-9661 | adelach@coic.org |
| Kevin | Furber | DOJ Division of Child Support | 541-388-6141 | kevin.furber@state.or.us |
| Wanda | Gray | City of Bend, Dial-a-Ride | 541-317-3023 | wgray@ci.bend.or.us |
| Margie | Gregory | Central Oregon Community College | | Mgregory@coocc.edu |
| Dana | Greig | Pfeifer & Associates | | pfeifer@coinet.com |
| Angelina | Huetzel | Central Oregon Reg. Housing Authority | | ahuetzel@corha.org |
| Hillary | Hurst | Mountain Star Family Relief Nursery | 541-322-6820 | hhurst@cdesd.k12.or.us |
| Becky | Jackson | Deschutes Co. Adult Parole and Probation | 541-385-3246 | beckyj@co.deschutes.or.us |
| Michael L. | Jager | Oregon Employment Dept. | 541-388-6070 | michael.l.jager@state.or.us |
| Ruth | Jenkin | Deschutes Co Sheriff Office | 541-388-6667 | ruthj@deschutes.org |
| Aleta | Johnson | COCAAN | | bendaid@cocaan.org |
| Andy | Jordan | Bend Police Department | 541-322-2970 | ajordan@ci.bend.or.us |
| Christine | Justice | Serenity lane | | |
| Nancy | Knoble | Central Oregon Partnership | 541-504-1389 | nancy@copartnership.org |
| Christine | Lewis | Central OR Reg. Housing Authority | 541-923-1018 x107 | |
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| Tom | McKee | Rimrock Trails -ATS | 541-477-2631 | exec@rimrocktrailsats.com |
| Tom | O'Connor | DOC, Religious Services | 503-974-4249 | tom.p.oconnor@doc.state.or.us |
| Ron | Parsons | Dept Human Services | 541-388-6414 x38 | ron.parsons@state.or.us |
| Sally | Pfeifer | Pfeifer & Associates | 541-383-4293 | pfeifer@coinet.com |
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| Robin | Popp | Goodwill Industries | 541-617-8946 | rpopp@gicw.org |
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| Gary | Smith | Deschutes County Mental Health | 541-322-7502 | garys@co.deschutes.or.us |
| Darcy | Strahan | Or Housing and Community Services | 541-388-6146 x248 | darcy.strahan@hcs.state.or.us |
| Steve | Wilson | Central Oregon Housing Authority | | Steve@corha.org |
| Jeanie | Young | Deschutes Co Health Department | 541-322-7400 | jeanie_young@co.deschutes.or.us |
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APPENDIX B: FUTURE WORK

POTENTIAL RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESOURCE GUIDE

The participants in this project recognize that there are many other potential resources for fulfilling the unmet needs of women leaving incarceration. Together we identified the following potential resources and opportunities that could eventually be added to this preliminary Resource Guide. Where appropriate we have also listed the participant who has indicated a willingness to follow up on securing these resources for the Bridge to Hope program’s Resource Guide.

| UNMET NEEDS | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Safe, clean, and sober housing | Habitat for Humanity resources? Transitional Housing? Chuck Tucker in Bend | |
| | Loan program for security deposit, utilities, etc SURLF (Step Up Revolving Loan Fund in Portland is a model. Another program in Seattle. | |
| | Women’s housing to address women’s issues, boarding house model | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| | Rainbow Motel, mental health best care, outside provider contact Joni Gallenger, DHS, 541-388-6161 x425 for more info | |
| | Designate 1-3 units at Healy Heights for Bridge to Hope. | |
| | Oxford House? | |
| | The Central OR Partnership would be willing to work with others to help structure and fund a collaborative effort to provide transitional housing and support services. (Could play support role, not lead). Contact Nancy Knoble, Central Oregon Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| UNMET NEEDS | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|---|--|---|
| | Cascade Youth and Family Center will be initiating a Transitional Living program for 16-21 year old homeless youth this July. Contact Joe Hays, Cascade Youth and Family Center | |
| | The Portland Housing Center is offering to license a local agency (such as COCAAN) to act as an umbrella for Ready to Rent trainings. They will train trainers to deliver the courses, provide master copies of the participant and instructor curriculum in English and Spanish and adapted for people with disabilities, and provide suggestions and sample documents on marketing the program to landlord. They will offer it for a fee of \$1,000 (which includes two trainers attending the train the trainer session). | Jez Anderson, Coordinator Rental Housing Services Portland Housing Center 3233 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97232 282-7744 ext 109 phone 503-736-0101 fax |
| Day-time shelter services | Salvation Army can partner with another organization that wants to provide daytime programs in their space, after October 1st | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| Clothes and Shoes | Bridge to Hope could organize a “Panty Party” sponsored by Multnomah Publishers, Victoria’s Secret, and others to provide women with new undergarments. | Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope |
| | Donated shoes from outlet stores? | Ann Delach |
| Food | Safeway online shopping and delivery, pay with food stamps? | |
| | List of faith-based food programs available through Central Oregon Partnership / Redmond Community Action. Contact: Laurie Thom, Redmond Community Action. | |
| Medical care, mental health services, and medication | Set up support group for women on transition issues, maybe through the Women’s Resource Center | Hillary Hurst |

| UNMET NEEDS | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | Needy meds.com may offer low cost medication | |
| | Bristol Meyers & Squibs offers free prescription drugs to low-income patients. | |
| Transportation | Donated cars and bicycles from Deschutes County, items that would be up for auction. | Alta Brady |
| | Buy a Bike jobs program | Dana Greig |
| | Give a bike drive, bikes fixed up by Boy/Girl Scouts or bike shops give free tune ups | |
| | Help available through Commute Options of Central Oregon?? | Jeff Monson, Commute Options of Central Oregon, 541-330-2647 |
| | Van and carpool resources available through churches | Aleta Johnson |
| | Other businesses that do commute traveling for allies (Kahneata gambling) | Toni Anderson and Aleta Johnson |
| | Oregon Lottery money for transportation | |
| | Community Cycling Center in Portland, resources/expansion to Bend? | |
| | Women need a state ID card or driver's license, but these require money and time spent navigating DMV procedures. | |
| | Resources available through COCC's Auto Program? Contact Ken Mays, COCC Auto Program | |
| | Lynn Gardener, Community Development Coordinator at DHS, developing brokerage central call center for rides, 388-6003 x281 | |
| Child care and custody | Resources from Lifespan? Terry Vlodica | Hillary Hurst |
| | Easter Seals money for respite care? | Ann Delach |
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| UNMET NEEDS | POTENTIAL RESOURCES | FOLLOW-UP CONTACT |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Workforce training and education | Need a Bend Women's Scholarship | Linda Swearingen |
| | Need a Delancy Street model in Bend. Work/housing/enterprise training/business skills/money/treatment/rehab year-long program. | Nancy Knoble |
| Miscellaneous | Women's Resource Center emerging (from Change in Direction), looking for non-profit space, potential future resource. Contact Carolyn Esky | |
| | Mike Meyers at City of Bend may have warehouse space for non-profits | Toni Anderson |
| | Need resource guides and training for staff at county jail because they work with women one-on-one regularly | Ruth Jenkin |
| | Job and Family Resource Center can provide some services | Dana Greig |
| | Inmates can obtain GED in jail | Becky Jackson and Margie Gregory |
| | Youth Summit, education in schools on choices (prevention), trips to court | Becky Jackson and Alta Brady |
| | Women need to have some opportunity to give back to Bridge to Hope and other programs (reciprocity). Build this into program. | |
| | Multiple services available through Westside Church | [Linda Swearingen] |
| | Arches is another program like Bridge to Hope in Salem run by Mid-Willamette Community Action Organization. May have ideas to share. | |
| | Multiple services (food, clothing, rent) available in Powell Butte through Powell Butte Christian Church | Kevin Furber |

ONGOING COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Through our collaborative work we have identified a number of opportunities to continue working together to create resources that will better support women leaving incarceration and other special-needs populations. The following are projects we have identified and agreed to continue work on.

| PROPOSED PROJECT | PARTICIPANTS |
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| Work on creating a Women’s Resource Center | Hillary Hurst, Mountain Star Relief Nursery, Toni Anderson, COBRA Linda Swearingen, Bridge to Hope [also contact: Carolyn Esky] |
| Organize prevention education for youth in schools and court.[also contact: Ken Mathas, Deschutes County Juvenile; someone at Cascade Youth and Family Services] | Toni Anderson, COBRA, Kevin Furber, Division of Child Support |
| Establish transitional employment program, like the Delancy Street program in San Francisco. | Aleta Johnson, COCAAN, Ann Delach, COIC, Nancy Knoble, Central Oregon Partnership |
| Bring Ready to Rent program to Central Oregon.[also contact: Diane Dean, COCC; Angelina Huertzel, COHRA] | Jez Anderson, Ready to Rent, Aleta Johnson, COCAAN |
| Establish more women’s shelters and transitional housing.[Also contact: Darcy Strahan, OHCS; Melanie Harper, COCAAN; Cyndy Cook, COHRA] | Angela Curtis, Salvation Army |
| Create a real-time website version of the Resource Guide. It could include communication services, a searchable database with information on availability of services, and the ability to make a custom resource guide for each woman leaving incarceration. Could potentially tie into DHS website resources. | |